Not Seasonally Adjusted

Exhibit 2b. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Stainless Steel Products

Quantity in metric tons/value In thousands of dollars. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

	August 2003 Cumulative To Date - Final		August 2002 Cumulative To Date - Final	
Commodity Grouping	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	483,191	968,756	597,830	1,032,352
Ingots And Steel For Castings	21,331	27,678	19,707	22,560
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	95,647	136,353	187,701	209,688
Wire Rods	22,720	36,883	34,044	54,684
Structural Shapes Heavy	985	3,110	1,319	3,725
Plates Cut Lengths	15,903	28,870	24,800	41,320
Plates In Coils	13,879	23,988	15,529	18,635
Bars - Hot Rolled	9,494	19,123	11,886	25,411
Bars - Light Shaped	5,621	12,230	6,858	14,729
Bars - Cold Finished	36,342	81,870	42,228	96,661
Stainless Pipe & Tubing	54,872	192,882	50,829	184,354
Wire Drawn	20,604	63,272	19,184	60,049
Sheets Hot Rolled	4,157	6,180	11,103	10,780
Sheets Cold Rolled	155,833	259,884	151,225	225,268
Strip - Hot Rolled	239	580	253	502
Strip - Cold Rolled	25,564	75,853	21,164	63,986

NOTE: See the cover report specifically explaining the current month's preliminary steel imports trade data or www.census.gov/ foreign-trade/Press-Release/steel_index.html.